

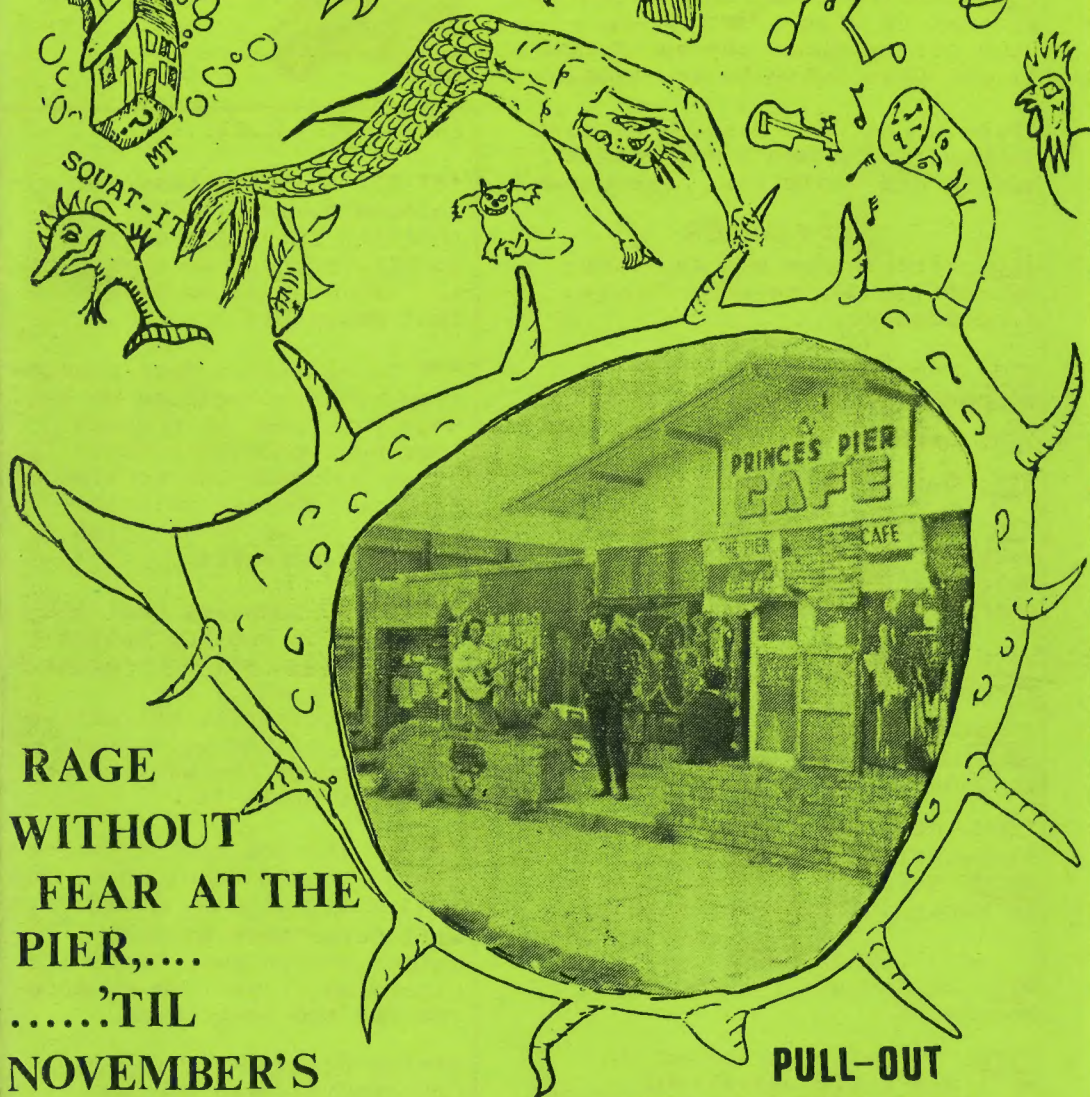


OCT/NOV

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SQUAT-IT MT



RAGE  
WITHOUT  
FEAR AT THE  
PIER,....  
.....'TIL  
NOVEMBER'S  
END!

PULL-OUT  
POSTER WITH DETAILS  
INSIDE



# WOT'S HAPPENED

AUGUST

7TH: Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you....

10TH: Inkerman St evicted after 3 weeks.

18TH: Police start nosing around new orphans squat.

26TH: Police raid Firestation on pretext of drug search-break down office doors and go through files. Like swine to the trough

\*Pier squat gets hassled by Port Authority who don't appreciate murals and wants them taken down

## SEPTEMBER

1ST: Firestation has bad fire-UWU office destroyed-extensive fire damage.

4TH: Cop and lawyer arrive at orphan squat-to be out by Monday

7TH: Orphans evicted AGAIN.

8TH: Dorcas St court cases begin

9TH: Squatter facing charges over Dorcas St is involved in raid-planted with dope-held overnite in the cells.

11TH: Electricity illegally disconnected from squat in Frankston

23RD: Prices Pier anti warship courtcases-fines range from \$300 to \$500.

\*SEC reconnection hassles at firestation continue...

28TH: Received 30 free tickets to Woolly Jumpers Play yeehaa!

## OCTOBER

9TH: New squat in Reservoir is opened.

13TH: BLF offices raided in military style operation. Organisers and rank and filers bashed-equipment smashed-files and other assets seized.

14TH: Demo against raid-beer bottles thrown at police-cops sustain injuries-bl's arrested  
16TH: Another demo in support of the BLF-request to keep it quiet-cops itching for revenge-no arrests- bad luck coppers!!!



"IF YOU'RE NOT PART  
OF THE SOLUTION, THEN  
YOU'RE PART OF THE  
PROBLEM"

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On the 1th of September the Community Fire Station (formerly the Unemployed Workers Union) suffered damage when a fire broke out in the UWU office, completely gutting it, destroying most of the files and extensively damaging the passageway.

The source of the fire is still and will probably remain, a mystery, although we doubt it was a deliberate act of sabotage.

Work has started to repair the damage but progress is slow, hampered by lack of money, of materials and an absence of electricity. (The SEC is taking it's own sweet time about reconnecting it)

The Unemployed Workers Union struggles on, (as do the other groups in the building) and work meetings continue to happen on Mondays at 1pm. The job of cleaning up and repairing the damage is huge however and requires many people and plenty of tools, two things that we lack. Other things we need are plaster board and heaps of paint, especially white paint or undercoat.

If you have any time, tools and/or materials please contact us on 481 1155 (UWU) or 481 8097 (SU), or come in to 301 St Georges Rd Nth Fitzroy between 10am-5pm, weekdays.



SEND US YOUR ARTICLES AND/OR A DOLLAR TO KEEP THIS AMAZING LITTLE RAG HUMMING OFF THE PRESSES.....  
...OR ELSE YOU'LL BE KIDNAPPED & DRUGGED.....YOU DIDN'T THINK SQUATTERS DID SUCH THINGS?...DON'T YOU READ THE SUN?????



SQUATTERS UNION

# FROM THE ASHES

BENEFIT GIG

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

8:30 PM - 1 AM

ALL PROCEEDS TO  
BE USED FOR  
REPAIRS TO THE  
FIRE STATION.

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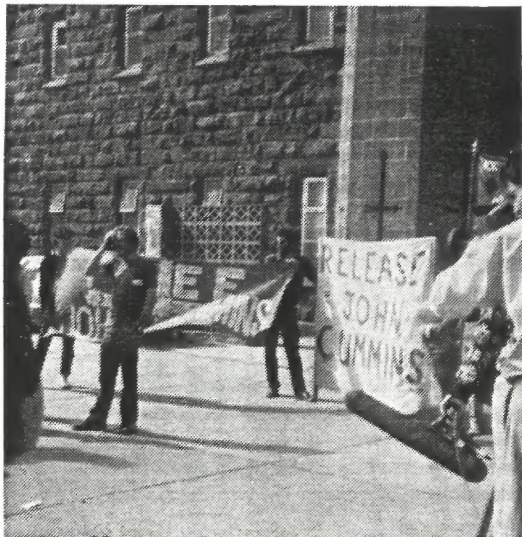
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# THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

Tuesday the 13th of October saw the govt and bosses intensify the attacks on the BLF.

Failing to destroy the union thru blacklisting and the systematic harrassment and prosecution of it's organisers (thru the use of the trespass act [deja vu]) trying to service the members, the govt stepped up the campaign by sending 50 police headed by the Special Operations Group into the BLF offices in a military style raid.

During the raid an organiser was severely beaten and kicked and along with other builders labourers, required medical attention. Equipment in the office was wrecked and destroyed by plainclothes cops, the 'dirty tricks' bunch broke into safes, locked cupboards and drawers and the files and remaining equipment was then taken out to an awaiting truck and impounded.



Minister of Labour Steve Crabb attempted to justify this latest attack by making accusations of embezzlement, shady land deals against N. Gallagher and even used the well worn out "Libyan Connection"

These flimsy fabrications were quickly disproved when it was revealed that all movements of funds had been authorised by the members (BLF). The liquidation of assets and 'hiding' of the money was an attempt to stay one step ahead of the govt & bosses who, the BL's know, will stop at nothing to smash aust. most militant union. (The day before the raid the accountants from Arthur Young & Associates had completed an audit of union books, finding every cent accounted for!!)

As for the Libyan connection, the address given by the 'informant' speaks for itself 361 Kent St Sydney - the head offices of BWIU!!!

On the day of the raid, as soon as it was made public many building workers downed tools and walked off the sites in protest at this latest attack.

Wednesday saw an angry crowd of BL's supporters gather outside Parliament where they were they joined by RANF rep's also under attack by the govt as well as waterside workers & workers from the Tennis Centre Site who called a 24hr stopwork in protest at the raid. After speeches the demonstration marched on Nauru House, where Crabb's office is situated. Police were there to 'protect' the parasites hiding



inside, but were unprepared for the anger of the crowd who threw beer bottles (both full & empty) as well as punching and beating the cops, giving them a taste of action they had handed out on Tuesday. Several police were injured and a few arrests were made.

Friday saw another rally in Bourke St with several hundred people gathered in support of the BLF. Speeches were made by organisers followed by poetry & songs from rank & file workers. The crowd was asked to stay peaceful so that the cops would not have the excuse they wanted to attack and arrest. At the conclusion of rally, people moved off quietly and no arrests were made much to the policies dissatisfaction i'm sure.

These continuous attacks on the BLF are not a 'one off' thing, but rather a desperate attempt by the govt & bosses to crush aust. most militant union in the hope of intimidating other unions who are becoming more inclined to fight back against the continuous erosion of wages & conditions.

Success in destroying the BL's would set an extremely dangerous precedent and pave the way for the use of similar tactics against other unions such as the Plumbers Union & the RANF.

Thus the attacks of the BLF must be seen in their true perspective; an attack on everyone's right to organise, and must be combatted with a strong united front. Only through solidarity across the board can we hope to defend the intense campaign mounted by the govt & monopolies who control the industries.

Solid industrial action; (whether it be stoppages, strikes, go-slows or work to



rules) supported by the community will create a situation where the govt will be forced to back down and make it possible for workers to keep and extend hard won wages & work conditions.

Far from being 'dead' as Crabb has declared several times since it's deregistrations, the BLF is alive and well and more determined (since the raid) than ever before. Instead of destroying them as was intended, the continuous attacks on the BLF have created even more support for the besieged union and as this grows, so does the possibility of beating this political vendetta mounted against them, and against all unionists.

Long Live the Builders  
Labourers!

# LANDLORD BREAKS AGREEMENT #



We decided to try a different tactic. This time we were going to squat openly instead of covertly. We brazenly drove into the driveway of our new home in a borrowed car with four friends, lawnmower in tow. Garbage bag bonanza.

The lawnmower heralded our presence, the industry stated our case. Every respectable suburbanite likes to see a working bee. The neighbours apologetically removed their car from the new owners' driveway.

We moved in the next day and began our usual scrub and fumigate routine. Got the electricity on, couldn't get the gas on because the pipes were fucked. Stuck our letter to the owner on the door. We occupied the house 24 hours a day and waited. First week, no hassles. But halfway through the next week, I heard our letter being ripped off the front door.

Surprise, surprise, it was the owner. He was rather aghast, certainly disbelieving that anyone would think of moving into his house. But he was pleased to see the garbage removed and the property looking considerably more attractive than he had last seen it looking. He said he didn't mind us staying, but there'd be no security as the property was in the process of being sold, the house destined to be demolished for units.

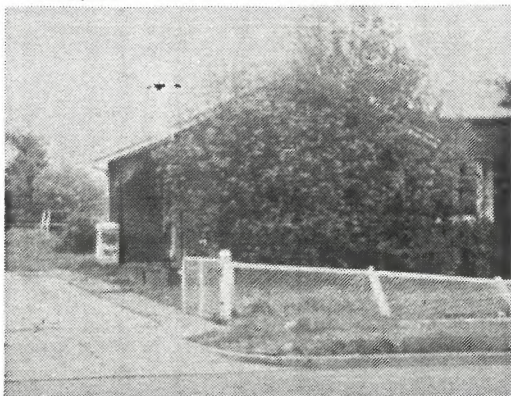
I said we wanted to stay anyway. He said he'd give us a week's notice. He wanted it in writing. Fine.

But three days later, six cops and Mr. turned up to give us 15 minutes to get all our stuff out. The boss cop had our written agreement in his hand (wish we'd typed it).

We were livid.

Mr. told us that the real estate managing his property had advised him to evict, as our letter indicated that we might be troublesome. Troublesome to his fat profits. Trouble some because companies don't like to buy properties without vacant possession. Sure we're troublesome—we're standing up for ourselves and fighting this bloody system which allows individuals to be absolved of any social responsibility when their profits are at stake.

Well, fuck that. We've squatted somewhere else and they'll need supernatural forces to evict us from this one. It's a deceased estate.



Squat

To Let: 182 Murray Rd Preston.





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of controll.

Horned people like  
creatures were around  
before Crist

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also beleive in satin  
go beyond this conditioning





Floating

anarchy!



Do you really feel free





# DIRECT ← → INACTION

The 23rd of august saw the annual No Home Show happening at Exhibition Gardens to coincide with the International Home Show, where the rich can buy the home or room of their dreams.

The day was cold and windy and only a moderate number of 'die-hard' housing people, squatters and tenants braved the Melb. winter.

To add to the 'damper' of the cold was the fact that the demo/social event was too far off to one side of the 'Home " Show' and we tended to be overlooked or ignored by the people who had come to the exhibition.

Regardless of this, spirits and humour was high and plenty of excellent free food kept the inner fires burning.

There was a heartening number of squatters and supporters present and after warming up by dancing to the bands we sang a squatting song that had been composed by a SU member earlier on in the day.

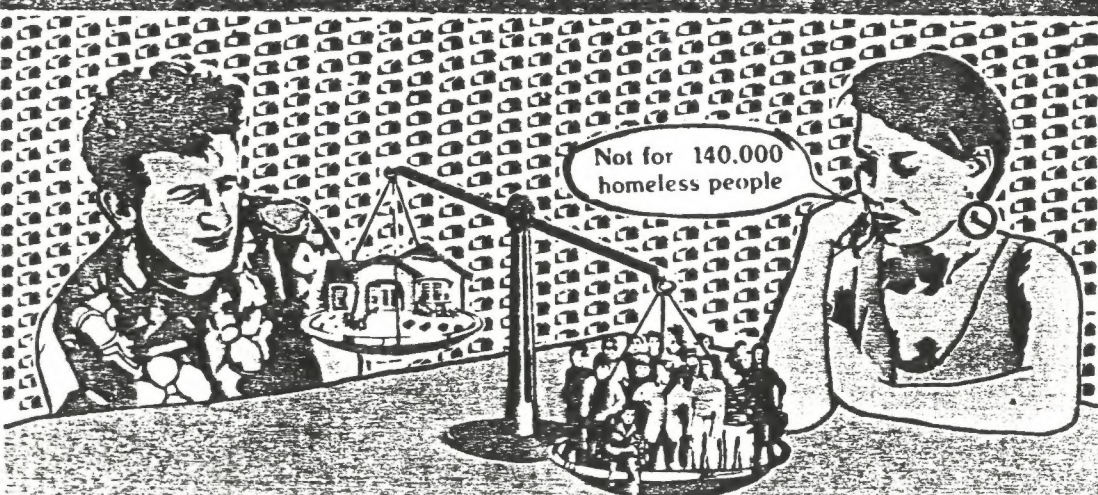
Feeling good after this we decided, as an action, to occupy the 32 metre limousine; the most flagrant sign of self indulgence (and the 'pride and joy') of the exhibition.

Our plan was frustrated when a friend was sprung trying to convince the unco-operative back doors to open. (Luckily he was able to disappear into the crowd and flee the scene).

All in all the whole day passed without incident and we all eventually got frozen solid and drifted off to our respective homes, squats and bus shelters

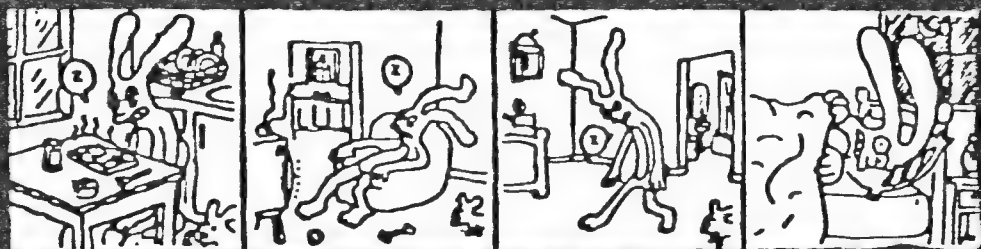
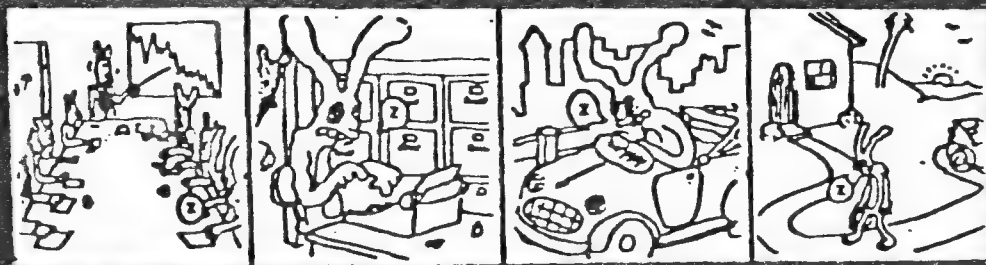
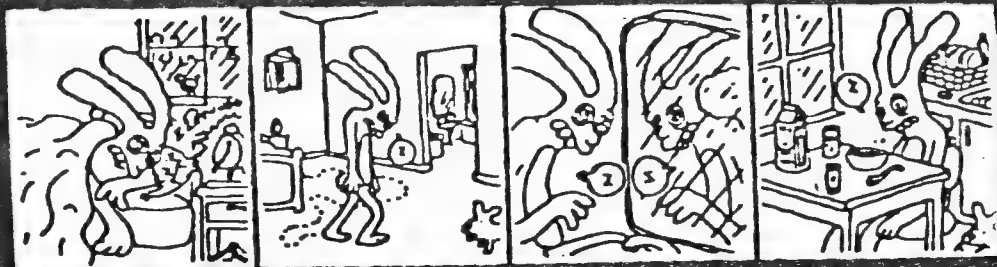
As a social event, considering the weather, it was quite a success and everyone enjoyed themselves. But as a demonstration of our anger at the inequality and hypocrisy of a system that creates homelessness for the sake of profit, it was pretty dismal, and the potential to take effective action, with the numbers we had, was frustratingly left untapped.

## THE AUSTRALIAN DREAM?





# Life in Hell





# Women in Rural India

The Chipko movement is a 'social forestry' movement made up largely of women. They use direct action and civil disobedience to protect forest lands and to promote large scale civilian replanting. The movement is particularly active in the state of Uttar Pradesh where the women have become known as the 'tree huggers'.

The destruction of the environment poses a huge threat to cultures dependant on their immediate environment for survival, such as tribes, nomads and fisherfolk. Those most affected are women in rural cultures, particularly women from poor, landless marginal and small farming families.

With the division of labour within the families, the collection of household needs like fuel, fodder and water is left to women. As the environment degrades and resources become scarce women are forced to spend more time finding these essentials. This is in addition to household work and caring for animals.

In many parts of India, women work 14-16 hours per day 7 days a week, regardless of age or stage of pregnancy. Each year the amount of time it takes to collect fuel and fodder increases. In some parts women have literally reached their 'carrying capacity'.

The increasing work burden affects the other parts of the women's lives. Women do not have time to seek health care when they need to. A study from rural Punjab shows that as a result of women not resting after tubectomy operations, 9 out of 10 complained of post-operative pain.

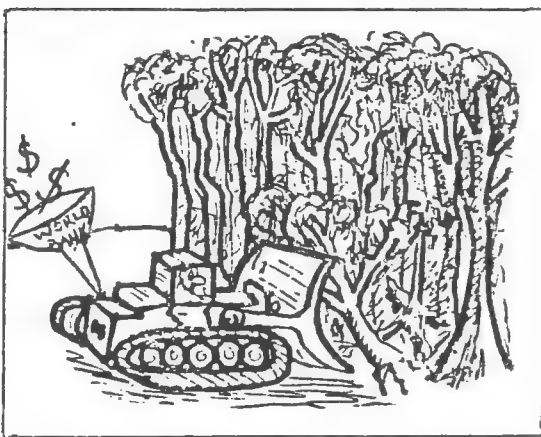
The women are concerned with the subsistence economy of the running of the household. The men are forced to find employment which puts cash into their pockets as a new culture has been created by the cash economy. But they have conflicting interests. Within the same household can be seen examples of the men destroying nature to earn cash whilst the hardships in obtaining fuel and fodder are being increased for the women. Relationships are being strained as men are forced to migrate to the cities to find work. Conflicts arise within the family when women need to share their workload with their children.



The eucalyptus based social forestry is in the hands of men with a cash motive. Except for using women as cheap labour in nurseries, women are not being involved.

Families' agricultural needs are not being met as the work burden of women increases and men migrate to the cities. As the time spent on collecting fuel and fodder increases and firewood becomes scarcer, the traditional practice of manuring fields will inevitably be given up. Cow dung will be used as fuel, as in the plains, but with the lack of manuring, these fragile soils will soon be exhausted. A disaster for both the local people and the environment.

The Chipko movement demonstrates the dichotomy of male/female interests. The role of women in preventing deforestation has been paramount in the movement. Although planting fuel and fodder trees would provide crucial household needs, the men are not showing support of the women doing this. The new cash culture is succeeding in alienating the men from their ecosystem.



The Himalayas is one of the most threatened ecosystems in the world, determining the fate of several hundred million people in the Indo-Gangetic plains. Census data from 1981 shows that there is high work participation with women in those districts. If ecological reconstruction is to occur, it will be necessary to involve those already over-worked women unless labour is brought in from outside. Fortunately the experience of the Chipko movement shows that despite the 14-16 hour work schedule, the women are willing to participate in such work as the planting of fuel and fodder trees. Once the women are organised and mobilised, they become a force for the cash-motivated men to reckon with.

All this shouldn't be taken to mean that the households have no need for cash. The reality is that much of the cash is spent on commodities such as radios and drugs such as tobacco and alcohol.

The growing conflict in India today is basically a clash between two economies, one based on needs and the other motivated by greed.





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public transport workers & friends come  
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There are thousands of things you'd rather  
do than work. Do them.  
But only together can we create a revolution  
where pleasure is the only aim.

**food, entertainment,**  
**sing-along, drink.**



# DORCAS ST REVISITED

After the violent eviction of the Dorcas St (Sth Melb) squat on Friday the 13th of March this year, the cases finally came before the 'bench of injustice'.

Although (obviously) a foregone conclusion, the squatters put up a good fight, so good in fact that the cases extended into the following day.

The main thrust of the coppers case seemed to be that the squatters had ample time to 'get their stories together'. The cop prosecutor however, 'forgot' to mention that the cops had the same amount of time and opportunity to do the same!

Convenient (for the cops) problems arose throughout the case; the doctor who had done the medical examinations of the squatters was on holiday in Europe, and a small legal 'technicality' was used to stop the showing of video footage which included graphic shots of the cops punching and beating up people.

Eventually the expected verdict were given and penalties were imposed. The charges, varying from hinderance & assault police met equally varied penalties ranging from a good behaviour bond to \$500.

NB: While going to court is never likely to be successful at beating the charges and should, in my opinion, be avoided as much as possible (thru use of a false name etc), some comfort can be had in knowing that it cost the powers that be vast amounts of money and police and 'Justices' time to process us.

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In a fit of hypocrisy and naivety, the police attempted to find accommodation for the family but were, of course unsuccessful.

The family and about 20 supporters remained in the office, refusing to leave, and it was at 8 o'clock that the cops finally moved in to break up the occupation and forcibly removed them.

Undaunted, people returned the next day and reoccupied the offices and when police arrived some of them barricaded themselves into a room, refusing to come out until the family had been assured of housing.

Unable to get the minister, (out of town again? or perhaps on holiday!), David McKutcheon, ministerial advisor, fronted up and was forced to agree to house the family.

However, the family was forced to accept an inadequate flat in Pt Melb even though she required a house in the Braybrook/Maidstone area.

Towards the end of August the MOH moved to evict a womyn and 4 children from a house they had been squatting in since the beginning of the year. Previous to them moving in the house had been empty for 3 years.

Early one morning the MOH, protected by police, forced their way into the house and proceeded to evict the squatters.

All their belongings were thrown into a removal truck and the owners were told that it was going to be taken away.

Four of the local residents who had gathered in support of the womyn and children were pushed around by police and MOH scabs when they voiced their disagreement with the eviction.

A group of supporters immediately occupied the local MOH office in protest at the eviction and to demand alternative accommodation for the, now, homeless family. The MOH always ready to assist, refused to take any responsibility and they would do nothing.



On Sept 9th another eviction took place in Braybrook/Maidstone.

Without warning, Ministry of Housing scabs and police smashed their way into a flat that had been squatted for 4 mths by a single parent and her 2 children.

Aggressive and in no way open to negotiation they then forcibly evicted the family and threw their belongings into the street.

After the MOH and cops had left the squatters and supporting local residents, along with housing workers, moved in and squatted another empty flat in same estate.

## MORE NEWS FROM THE WEST

A petition in support of the family was circulated and of the 45 households on the estate, 38 signed, showing a strong feeling of community support. (something that has been occurring more and more in eviction situations).

The next day saw the return of the MOH and police who proceeded to use axes to break their way into the newly squatted flat. Not satisfied with breaking in they then began to smash the furniture and wreck the families belongings before finally throwing the people out and loading the remains of the



*Aerobics? No, he's just practising kicking down doors.*

furniture into a waiting removal van. Angered by the violence and unnecessary aggression, supporters blockaded the truck in an attempt to stop the theft of the family's belongings.

Police moved in, punching people and dragging them out of the path of the truck. Seeing a chance to flee, the truck careered down through the people, damaging 2 cars and endangering lives.

The supporters and the squatters then occupied the MOH regional office and 5 people barricaded themselves into a room, demanding accommodation for the family.

At 8 o'clock the police moved in to remove the people and resorted to chainsawing the office walls to get to group behind the barricades.

**THE FAMILY REMAINS HOMELESS!!!!!!**

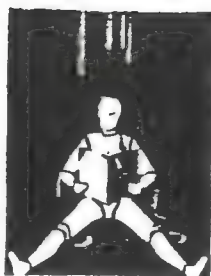


Although the occupation, in this case) was unsuccessful, the extreme measures gone to by the authorities shows that they are worried and that they, in the face of such strong solidarity from the community, will resort to any tactics to combat the rising resistance to the increasing repression.

Thru the tactics of solidarity and direct action we can successfully fight for our rights and liberty



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# JURA News

anarchist bookshop  
newsletter october '87

## CAMPAIGN FOR A PERMANENT ANARCHIST CENTRE.

Update # 1, October 1987

Dear Friends,

Some supporters have responded promptly to the 'buy-the-building appeal' letter. Money, pledges and words of encouragement are coming in. This has helped sustain our optimism. In the meantime, dramatic events have occurred in the real estate market. Keating has re-introduced tax exemption for negative gearing, to the satisfaction of wealthy landlords. Together with falling interest rates, this has provoked a boom in real estate speculation.

Closer to home, there is the expected gentrification of South Newtown as a result of the St Peters bicentennial park. Real estate sharks have already moved to take advantage. Prices have skyrocketed. In June this year, 417 King St was worth about \$85,000. In mid September, the owner took the property off the market at \$135,000. He still wants to sell but thinks prices will go even higher. Unless we get some very generous benefactors, we are clearly out of the bidding.

Anarchism in Sydney needs a permanent centre. We are determined to buy a building, hopefully nearby. Given the rising prices, our aim is to raise a substantial deposit and try for a bank loan. The end of October is no longer a deadline. Our present lease runs until August 1988. That gives us breathing space, but that's all. We have to raise the finance, find another building and tie up all the legal niceties before then. A lot of money has to be found and a lot of work done. Time is short.

The project is feasible. Money is coming in and a lot more is there in solid pledges. What we need now is an even greater effort, and a more extensive and imaginative one. The Jura Collective puts in a lot of free labour to keep the shop open and running. A lot of effort goes into behind-the-scenes tasks such as keeping accounts, responding to mail orders and ordering and processing books. We put in most of the \$10,000 per year running expenses. Yet, the average income of collective members is only about \$10,000 per year. Financially, we are more than stretched. We obviously cannot raise the deposit by ourselves.

We make a direct appeal to those with a job to dig deeply; to those without the means to do some fundraising. A cake stall, a dance or concert, a jumble sale - anything - but do it soon. Even if we get enough money tomorrow, we would still have months of preparation before moving in.

Times are tough and political lethargy is rife. We at Jura are keen to get on with spreading ideas of how the world can and must be different. There are great plans for the future, lots of new ideas. The Jura project is one that will benefit all who want to see a society based on freedom and equality.

We need your support to make it happen.

# WHY CELEBRATE '88??

Aboriginal people have lived in this land since time immemorial. The fact is that all evidence to this date suggests occupation of this land for over 100,000 years. Aboriginal people have lived in harmony with the land as true conservationists in that time. The invasion of Europeans has not only meant dispossession, dispersal and destruction of the people but also of the land. The often violent confrontation between our society and the colonisers took place on a number of levels.

Aboriginal society at that time was much older than that of the invaders. It had persevered thru communal and environmental laws. It was collective but not acquisitive. The laws governing our social relations had developed over thousands of years. Violence and war were not a continual part of our society.

European colonisation by contrast, was established with the gun and continued its domination with violence or the threat of it. The colonial society whose descendant we live with today is based on individualism and the accumulation of material wealth. Although it has achieved incredible technological changes these are inevitably used for increasing personal wealth and gratification. The colonial and present day Australian society see nature and the environment as an opposite, something to be exploited for

personal enrichment rather than conserved for human survival. This society was baptised with the violent shedding of blood of our people and it continues to flirt with the means of destruction.

Contemporary Australian society sees fit to spend billions of dollars on conventional and nuclear weapons and very little on health, education and social welfare. Whilst our society was based on collective development today's Australian society thrives on inequality. Some are able to gamble away millions on the stockmarket and corporate takeovers; others don't even have a roof over their heads.

Although we the Aboriginal people of this land are at the bottom of the pile, we see many others who are there with us in poverty on the fringes of society, if not in spirit. In spite of the severity of oppression against us, we have survived, and if there's anything to celebrate in 1988, then it is this.


We still are a distinct people with unique cultural and spiritual traditions and ways of living. All around us we see the growing "Americanisation" of Australian society and the increasing isolation and alienation of the individual. From where we stand it looks very much as if the future holds more decline and despair for all Australians.

Ordinary non-Aboriginal people have more in common with us than the 32,000 Australian millionaires and the media magnates. Yet we see many non-Aboriginal people feeling threatened by what we demand and what we have been fighting for over the last 200 years. Our demand for sovereignty is the soul of Australia crying for freedom from cultural and economic domination by the





overseas financial markets and by less consumerism. All australians will benefit from the realisation of our demand for sovereignty. We need to develop an australian culture based of thousands of years of indigenous culture and tradition.



Our demands for land rights is for economic security and tenure. No australians can say they have secure homes until we have inalienable, freehold title to our lands. We also demand restitution for the years of war waged against us. The govt. has an obligation to set aside a proportion of the gross domestic product for our use as we see fit. Australian society has enriched itself from our land for 200 years. It is about time we got more than just the crumbs off the table. Since white people came here we have always sought to live with them but we have been rejected time & time again. We need an agreement based on recognition of our rights as the original people of this land. We say that australian governments should begin to "Pay the Rent" for 200 years of the use of our land. We do not want handouts, this money or "rent" is rightfully ours. The have-nots in australian society should not just be demanding a slice of the cake, we should be taking over the whole bakery.

We also want australian economic development to be based on conservation of the natural environment. Jobs in constructive not destructive production. We have the means in this society to make life easy, yet we are all struggling.

There is nothing to celebrate in 1988 for anybody. Just because you get a few more crumbs off the table than we do does not mean that you are alright. Open your eyes to the house of cards you live in. See that your interests and ours are the same. Join us in recognition that we are the owners of this land and have the best interests of this land at heart. After all, if the land is destroyed so will we be. We have nowhere else to go to, if you are australian, then neither have you.

The bicentennial celebrations are not the celebrations of the people struggling in this society. So why celebrate '88?

# SHELTER THIS FEATURES CREATURES

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REVIEW

'Shelter' and 'This Features Creatures', Theatre Works, St Kilda, Sept. 30-Oct. 3. Free to squatters.

"Squatter play an outrage", "No Ban On Jumpers". The Woolly Jumpers' play about squatting, 'Shelter', proved to be rather controversial with the IYSH committee and the Geelong Advertiser. It was authentic.

The group consulted with squatters and the Squatters' Union in the development of their play. This was not a trite, frivolous attempt by bourgeois artists to decorate a stage and titillate a well-dressed audience. The play was real, it was challenging. It actually said something.

We are driven by circumstances to squat. Our society does not place people's needs as a priority. The Law is set up to punish those who will not conform to an unjust system.

'Shelter' was the second play of the evening. The Woollies also performed 'This Features Creatures', a play exploring speciesism, the way humans treat animals as if they existed merely for our convenience. That was great, too.

I hope the Woollies are able to keep producing confronting plays like these. Government bodies are rather reluctant to fund groups that expose their system. Not surprising, is it?





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We don't have no telephone  
We don't even have a home  
MOH and SEC have empty homes in the city  
But they've made us their enemy by forcing us  
out on the street  
1,2,3,4 Who needs homeshows when your poor ?  
1,2,3,4 Who comes knocking at my door ?

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NO-HOME  
Show!

Big thug cop, dressed in blue  
Makes homeless people out of me and you  
Media say we break the law  
Wrecking houses is what we're for,  
But squatting houses ain't no crime  
Real estate agents-the real slime...

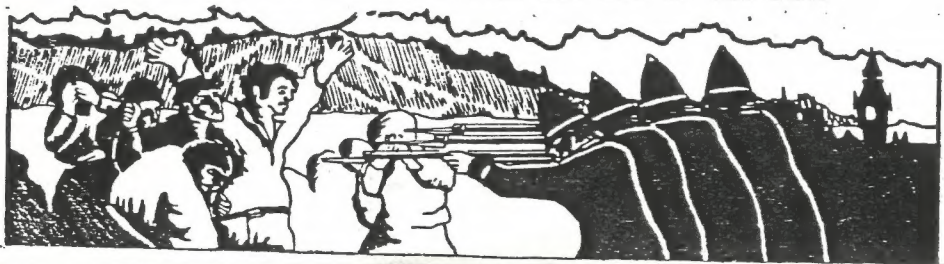


Suffer little children suffer  
balanced on the edge of insanity  
suffer for your parents crimes  
by shortening your living time  
cry your tears of innocence  
for the eternal genocide of every living thing  
of every living thing

Don't ever laugh children-  
that's a disease of happier times  
just cry your heart and soul out  
for the mess your parents left you with,  
cry for the fact of being thrust  
into this putrid world  
left to stumble amongst  
civilization's greatest ruins



Don't scream at me, I already bleed  
scream at the people responsible  
for our violent history  
scream at the injustice thats always being done  
scream at the burden you're forced to share  
scream at the apathy that makes living a misery,  
When you've screamed it all out, go and find a gun,  
blast away the leaden clouds and let in the sun.



# Letters.....

Dear Squat It and Squat It readers,

Why is the orphanage still empty? Did the squatters run from the south melb. heavies? As just one ex-squatter at the orphanage I ask myself this because I left under some wild illusion that the ministry of conservation and the ministry of housing and the sth melb. council (take note noel cropp) were telling the truth when they said the orphanage buildings, chapel & nunnery, the cottage, the op shops, had to be vacated for the purpose of renovating and upgrading for elderly peoples' public housing. Well, they all lied! I visited the site the first sunday in october and one would think we only left yesterday. All those spaces remain untouched except for where the essential services were cut off. Where a vegie farm was started is now overgrown. What could still be our home is just a museum slowly decaying with wet rot. The orphanage seems buried but not dead. The people who live there who felt the constant dread of violent sth melb. thugs are not exterminated, though the power crazed robots may think so. The police and their crimes remain to be brought to justice. All that fining of squatters was a farce and reveals how weak the court system is at a putting the actual criminals on trial. The squatters may now be poorer but their need to squat is even more. **SYSTEM-YOUR SYSTEM JUST BREEDS INJUSTICE.**

regards



High, hello to our scattering earthshattering squatting sect.

Modern man misses tram

Modern man misses tram  
.....

What is that angry man doing?  
he is getting hostile,  
Gnashing his teeth and claws.

Why is the jealous man worried?  
He is standing on ice  
and drifting out to more ice.

How is the father going to  
use up his daydreams?  
He is to make a boat and is  
putting in the anchor.

Who is that man in the corner?  
who does he think he is?  
he crossed the path  
he stepped on ants  
and now he's sawing down a tree

When is the Modern man coming?  
he always arrives too late,  
though it sounds like a revelation  
He's you and it gives you a fright.

Write to Squat-it  
Address letters to  
Squat-it c/o S.U.V.  
301 st georges rd nth fitzroy

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To the Secretary,  
Squatters Union, Squat-it  
Magazine: These people,  
theese unclad ragged people  
who havent even washed and  
who think they can invade our  
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they can just walk in while  
their owners have just nipped  
over to the hyatt for bistro,  
why they are even allowed huge  
multi social security handouts  
which we, decent upright tax-  
payers of this once glorious  
country of ours, (mine),  
of gentlemen and ladies of  
the highest calibre, having  
to put up with these anti  
social despicable  
underachievers. If theese  
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up and got a decent haircut  
and tryed to get a job  
but they just dont try.....  
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on.

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this kind of crap!!!!!!





another  
letter...

Dear Squat. It,

As a Melbourne squatter I would like to ask the SUV if a situation has arisen where a house that has been rented becomes a squat because the occupants no longer pay rent (due to either the landlord ceasing to collect it or the occupants not paying) then could the place still be supported by the squatters union of vic.? And while on the subject, if the reverse happened and a squat that was asked to pay a 'reasonable sum' in return for upkeep and occupation of a place, would this too be defined as squatting? These are fairly common situations in housing so what is the usual response to them?

yours sincerely,  
Jan swer.

Dear Jan,

Firstly, the Squatters' Union is the squatters. A union, the S.U., has an amount of effect and activity. This is measured by the way squatters place their involvement with combined self-management housing. Support in numbers of people against eviction, various media contact, information distribution to the community and action groups (such as tenant unions or housing councils and/or co-operatives) are some of the means by which we can network. As for the second question, even though the residency is regarded as a tenancy after a rent has been agreed to, squatters who have this sort of arrangement could consider it as squatting. Look at it as once a squat.... MOH tenants pay 20% of their earnings, so you're entitled to bargain the landowner down. The worst result is a direct 'NO', the

address all correspondence to "letters to squat-ity" 301 st georges rd. nth fitzroy 3068.....

Q. When R Squatters Not Squatters?



A. When they R 10 Ants!

best is a compatible house-keeping experience. Be wary signing contracts, always seek advice before hand. A house owner recently made a deal with squatters to live in a northern suburbs house after they'd cleared the front lawn and everything, then turned around and brought the police in to evict!! god damned cheek!!!! @S%#%\*. He like others felt no need to abide by the signed arrangement. His attitude being, "my interest above theirs." Paying tenants are not immune to this treatment either. They have some rights as outlined in the residential tenancies act, but that's another bag of eggs. On that note i'll leave it. Bring any enquiries to SUV and expect an answer that is thorough and based on actual events.  
positively yours,  
squat it.....

HINT HINT!!



To be governed:

is to be watched over, inspected, spied upon, directed, preached at, controlled, assessed, weighed censored, ordered about, by men, who have neither the right, nor the knowledge, nor the virtue.

To be governed means to be, at each moment, at each transaction, at each movement, noted, registered, controlled, taxed, stamped, measured, valued, assessed, patented, licensed, authorised, endorsed, admonished, hampered, reformed, rebuked, arrested.

It is to be on the pretext of the general interest, taxed, dulled, held to ransom, exploited, monopolised, extorted, squeezed, hoaxed, robbed. Then, at the least resistance, at the least word of complaint to be repressed, filed, abused, annoyed, followed, bullied, beaten, disarmed, garrotted, imprisoned, machine-gunned, judged, condemned, deported, flayed, sold, betrayed and finally mocked, ridiculed, insulted, dishonoured.

Such is government, such is justice, such is morality.

Pierre joseph proudhon.

